

Central Intelligence Agency



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Defense Intelligence Agency  
Room 3E 227, The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Deane:

Thanks for your letter of 20 January 1984 about your research into the origins of DIA. It sounds like a first-rate project.

I'll enclose a copy of my letter to Mr. Brian Kinney, Acting OSD Records Administrator, authorizing the access you requested to CIA-originated records held by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

I'll also enclose a copy of our "CIA Records Access Policy (revised 1 August 1983)," which outlines the conditions under which this access is granted. Following the procedures in paragraph three, we shall arrange for the review here of the documents and notes that we receive from Mr. Kinney. As soon as the responsible CIA components have completed their review, we shall forward the released documents to you. I should emphasize that this review is not for declassification; classified records released to you must remain classified, and paragraph four explains the restrictions on your use of them.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

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J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

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25 January 1984

Mr. Brian V. Kinney  
Acting OSD Records Administrator  
Department of Defense  
Room 5C 315, The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Kinney:

STAT The enclosed letter of 20 January 1984 from [redacted]  
Historian, Defense Intelligence Agency, requests that we authorize his  
STAT access to CIA-originated documents that may be in the files of former  
Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates. We understand that [redacted] is  
carrying out research to be used in official DIA historical publications.

STAT We also understand that the Defense Intelligence Agency will certify  
[redacted] Top Secret and compartmented information clearances directly to  
you. We are therefore glad to authorize him access to all CIA-related  
material in Secretary Gates's OSD records at the level of his clearances or  
lower that is pertinent to the subject of his research.

STAT We shall also enclose a copy of our "CIA Records Access Policy" to  
STAT guide your office in handling these CIA documents. As indicated in  
paragraph three of this policy statement, [redacted] is free to take notes  
and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the Office of the  
Secretary of Defense collects and sends these notes and copies to this  
office. After CIA review, we shall send [redacted] the documents and notes  
released, and notify him (and you) of any material that cannot be released.

With many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,

15/  
J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

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